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RECIPROCITY

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Visa	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-3 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
B-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
B-1/B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
C-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-1/D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
E-2 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
F-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
H-1B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
I	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
L-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
L-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
M-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
M-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
O-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]

O-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
O-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	NONE	MULTIPLE	15 MONTHS [3]
R-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
R-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

SPECIAL CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

(TL:VISA-265; 04-18-2001)

All clearance requests must be sent not only to the post located in the applicant's area of residence, but also to the U.S. Embassy Lisbon.

DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

NOTE: Madeira and the Azores are included.

Police Record

(TL:VISA-180; 10-15-1998)

Available. (Certidao de Registo Criminal) Issued by Centro De Identificacao Civil E Criminal, Lisbon, to persons 16 years or over, regardless of the place of birth or residence. Normal processing time is 6 days. In case of an emergency, the record may be issued in 2 days. Validity is for 3 months as of the date of issuance. If the above record reveals a conviction, a complete record may be obtained from the Presiding Judge of the Court where the fine or sentence was imposed. Processing time is 7 days.

Non-nationals: In general, resident non-nationals are issued the so-called Atestado De Boa Conduta by the Commander of the Security Police in the area of their present or past residence. The document reflects their conduct while living in Portuguese territory. Normal processing time is 5 days. Criminal records are required only when such documents reflect conviction. They are obtainable from the same appropriate issuing authority as for Portuguese nationals and subject to the same processing time.

Prison Record

(TL:VISA-180; 10-15-1998)

Available. The Prison Record (Certificado de Bom Comportamento) is issued by the Director of the prison where the sentence was served. Normal processing time is 2 days.

In the cases of juvenile offenders, similar records are secret and may be made available only at the request of Direccao-Geral dos Servicos Tutelares de Menores, Lisbon, or Tribunais Tutelares de Menores or Tribunais de Execucao de Penas in the area where the sentence was imposed or served. Normal processing time is 10 days.

Military Record

(TL:VISA-180; 10-15-1998)

Available. A Military Record (Registo Criminal e Disciplinar da Folha de Matricula Militar) is issued at Reparticao de Recrutamento or at the appropriate regimental or naval commanders to male Portuguese citizens between 21 and 45 years of age who are currently serving or formerly served in such armed forces. They are also issued to male Portuguese citizens over 45 years of age if they served in the armed forces. Normal processing time is 7 days.

Birth Record

(TL:VISA-180; 10-15-1998)

Available. The Birth Record (Certidao de Nascimento) is issued by the Conservatoria Do Registo Civil located in the district where the birth occurred. Normal processing time is 8 days. There is a 3-day processing time for urgent cases. Fees vary for a narrative certified copy or a full certified copy of record plus additional charges in cases of urgency.

Marriage Record

(TL:VISA-180; 10-15-1998)

Available. The Certidao de Casamento (Marriage Record) is issued by the Conservatoria Do Registo Civil in the district in which the marriage was entered into. Normal processing time is 8 days. For urgent cases, processing time is 3 days. Fees vary plus additional charges in cases of urgency.

Death Record

(TL:VISA-180; 10-15-1998)

Available. The Death Record (Certidao de Obito) is issued by the Conservatoria Do Registo Civil at the place where the death occurred. Normal processing time is 7 days, however, there is a 2-day processing time for urgent cases. Fees vary plus additional charges in cases of urgency.

Baptismal Certificate

(TL:VISA-180; 10-15-1998)

Available. (Certidao de Baptismo) Usually obtainable from the Catholic or Protestant church in which the baptism occurred. Normal processing time by the Catholic church is 2 days; by the Protestant church it is immediately.

Residence Certificate

(TL:VISA-180; 10-15-1998)

Available. (Atestado de Residencia) Issued to resident nationals and non-nationals by the parish board (Junta de Freguesia) of the area of residence. If necessary, it may be issued to former resident nationals or non-nationals. Normal processing time is 7 days. An Atestado de Residencia is mandatory as a supporting document of an application made for an identity certificate by a resident national or non-national.

Identity Certificate

(TL:VISA-180; 10-15-1998)

Available. An Identity Certificate (Bilhete de Identidade) is required of all Portuguese citizens and foreigners residing in Portuguese territory for over 6 months. It is issued by the Centro de Identificacao Civil e Criminal at Lisbon. Normal processing time is 5 days. In urgent cases, processing time is 2 days. The Centro de Identificacao Civil e Criminal of Lisbon has branches in Oporto and Coimbra. The Oporto branch is invested with authority to update Bilhetes de Identidade not issued by computer and applied for by natives of that district and Braga, provided that the applications are not filed directly with the central office in Lisbon. The branch at Coimbra is invested with the same authority for nationals born within that district.

Adoption Certificate

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An adoption bond is established by a decree rendered by the Minor's Court in the area in which the child resides. There are two categories of adoption: limited adoption and full adoption.

The general requirements for adoption for both categories are:

- (1) The child must be under 14 years of age, or
- (2) The child must be under 21, provided he or she has not been emancipated (released from paternal power) and was in the custody of the adopting parent or parents before reaching 14 years.
- (3) The adopting parent must be over 35 years of age.
- (4) If over 14 years of age, the child who is to be adopted must consent to the adoption.

Limited Adoption

Consent to the adoption by the child's natural parents or by the parents' ascendants if the child is in their custody. The consent may be waived by the court. The minimum age of 35 is not required in prospective adopting parents, and may also be granted to a single person. It may be revoked at any time at the request of the natural parents. As it does not confer full status as a legitimate child, such an adoption is not within the meaning of Section 101(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act for immigration purposes.

Full Adoption

A full adoption is granted only to a couple married for over 10 years and without legitimate offspring of their own. If a child to be adopted was born out of wedlock to one of the adopting parents, the minimum age of 35 years is not required. The child must have been in the custody of the prospective adopting parents, or of only one of them, since the age of not more than seven. If the child's natural parents are known and alive they must sign an irrevocable release unless the child has been placed in the custody of a Minors' Court or in any other institution for minors. A decreed full adoption is irrevocable but subject to review on a later date if:

- (1) the adopted child was born legitimate;
- (2) the child's abandonment was not the natural parents' fault; and,
- (3) it is proven that the latter did their utmost to find the child.

If over the age of 14, the child must give consent to the revision of the adoption decree. As this category of adoption gives the child full status as a legitimate child of the adopting parents, it meets the definition of child in Section 10I(b)(1) of the Act, provided that the age limitations are met. Processing time in either category is 6 months to 1 year.

VISA ISSUING POSTS

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Lisbon (E) All Categories
Address: PSC 83
 APO AE 09726

Ponta Delgada (Azores) (C) All Categories
Address: PSC 76, Box 3000
 APO AE 09720-5340

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS SERVICED

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Ponta Delgada Azores

Lisbon All of Portugal and the Madeira Islands